



SAM FISHER TRIES HIS ROLLER COASTER

Built According to Directions, But Was No Go.

BY CHARLES B. LOOMIS.

One day in early spring Sam Fisher went down to New York with his father and visited Coney Island, and for



the first time in his life took a ride on a "roller coaster." For the benefit of those children who have not yet tasted the combined horror and delight of this remarkable invention, I will describe it.

It is an inclined railway several hundred feet long. You climb up the ladder or a pair of stairs and seat yourself in a car or box on wheels. Then an attendant gives the car a shove and you glide along the railway for a few feet and then take a sudden dip, leaving your heart bound up, and experiencing that sensation of being shot away from the ground. Then you rise again, and you are up to the top of the roller coaster. Then you are down to the bottom, and you are up to the top of the roller coaster. Then you are down to the bottom, and you are up to the top of the roller coaster.

Mr. Fisher, Sam's father, is a rather nervous man, and he did not want Sam to go alone, so he went into the car with him, although he expected to be brought back on a shutter. He grabbed the sides until it seemed as if his neck were being squeezed. As the car shot forward he shrieked at the top of his lungs. "Stop the car!" he yelled. "I think I'm going to be sick!"

When the car stopped, Mr. Fisher was so dizzy that he could not get out. He was lying on the ground, and he was so dizzy that he could not get out. He was lying on the ground, and he was so dizzy that he could not get out. He was lying on the ground, and he was so dizzy that he could not get out.

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that experience again for all the money that is made at Coney Island in a season. After Sam returned home he told all the boys in the neighborhood about the roller coaster and they were crazy to go to Coney Island, but Whiteville, the village where they live, is over 100 miles from the coast, and few of them had ever been further than a score of miles from home.

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It was Saturday and upward of twenty boys had come around the house and had entered the delights of the rushing ride. Sam chose ten boys to take the first ride, and those who were left, Sam explained that they would be back again so soon that it didn't really make much difference who went first.

After they had climbed into the car it was pushed by Zack and the other boys to the top of the inclined plane.

"Hi you can see over to Swampscott," said Sam when they had reached the top. "And there's papa and mom coming home. Hurry before anything happens."

Sam started the car by pushing it. It ran ten feet and the boys began to cheer. Then it stopped. One of the wheels had stuck. And like the boys were waiting for Zack to come up and see what the trouble was.

"That'd be silly," said Bob. "You have such a long hair, there'd be no good of time to slack it. But no good with a hammer, and I don't believe that I could build one."

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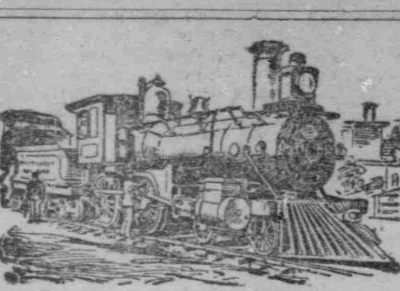
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